

Angelic Sims

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Professional Summary

Civically engaged leader with over 15 years of experience in community service, small business ownership, and educational leadership. Proven track record of fostering sustainable development, advocating for families and children, and building collaborative networks across sectors. Passionate about shaping thoughtful, responsible growth in Polk County through service on public boards and commissions.

Objective

To serve on the Polk County Planning Commission, contributing to the county's strategic growth and land use planning through dedicated leadership, community advocacy, and a commitment to balanced, sustainable development.

Education

Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership

Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL – 2009

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Troy State University, Troy, AL – 1993

Awarded Full Scholarship for Academic and Leadership Achievement

High School Diploma

Essex Junction High School, Essex Junction, VT – 1989

Vermont Junior Miss 1989 – Awarded Full Scholarship to State University of Choice

Leadership & Community Involvement

Alternate Member, Polk County Planning Commission

Served 3-year term, 2021 – 2024

Participated in land use discussions, zoning reviews, and growth planning for Polk County. Gained hands-on experience in the planning process, contributing insights on sustainable development, infrastructure, and community impact. Worked collaboratively with commission members, county staff, and the public to support responsible and balanced development initiatives.

Graduate, Polk Vision Leadership Program

Completed April 2025

Completed comprehensive leadership training with a focus on civic responsibility, regional planning, and collaborative problem-solving across key sectors of Polk County.

Appointee, Polk County Charter School Committee

Appointed June 2025

Provide governance, oversight, and strategic input on charter school operations, community engagement, and education quality.

Board Member, Carz Racing for a Dream

2024 – Present

Support fundraising, strategic planning, and family advocacy for a nonprofit aiding children with long-term catastrophic medical needs.

Guardian ad Litem Volunteer

Advocated for children in foster care, ensuring their best interests were represented in legal proceedings and community services.

SPCA Foster Volunteer & Community Educator

Provided temporary care for animals in need and promoted responsible pet ownership and community engagement through local events.

Professional Experience

Founder & Owner, Dazzling Driftwood

Auburndale, FL – 2017 – Present

- Established and manage a globally recognized eco-art business with over 9,000 works sold worldwide.
- Oversee all operations, including design, sustainability practices, marketing, and customer engagement.
- Advocate for environmental stewardship and responsible resource use through public outreach and business practices.

Course Developer & Instructor, Children and Family Ministries

Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL – 2009 – 2015

- Created and taught curriculum on leadership, community service, and family dynamics.
- Mentored students in community outreach, emphasizing service-oriented leadership.
- Facilitated workshops that promoted civic engagement and faith-based service.

Skills

- Civic Leadership & Public Service

- Strategic Planning & Problem Solving
 - Land Use Awareness & Sustainability Advocacy
 - Small Business Management & Economic Development
 - Public Speaking & Community Engagement
 - Conflict Resolution & Mediation
 - Organizational & Time Management Excellence
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References

Available upon request.